

Talking Points

DATEBOOK

TODAY

■ 7-8:15 a.m., Grounds for Fitness club, Common Grounds, 1612 Charleston Ave., Mattoon, www.gre-atoutcomescoach.com, 312-869-2763.

■ 7-10 a.m., AYCE Breakfast, Shelbyville American Legion Post 81, corner of N Morgan and 2nd street, Shelbyville, 217-774-4329.

■ 8 a.m., 12th Annual Tom Short 5K Trail Run & 1 Mile Walk/Run, Shelbyville Aquatic Center in Forest Park, North 9th Street, Shelbyville, 217-774-1376.

■ 8 a.m.-noon, 18th Street Farmers Market, 825 18th Street, Charleston, 217-345-4700, scrunityon@consolidated.net.

■ 8 a.m.-4 p.m., "A Touch of Arthur," downtown Arthur, http://www.arthurfestivals.com/touch_of_arthur/, 217-543-2242.

■ 8 a.m.-noon, Market on Main, Downtown Tuscola, 201 N Main, Tuscola, 217-253-2112, info@tuscola.org.

■ 9 a.m.-noon, Findlay Farmers' Market, 108 N. Main, www.findlayillinois.net.

■ 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Cookies for a Cure, Charleston resale shops, Charleston, contact Steve Runyon at 217-345-4700, homeagain1@consolidated.net.

■ 10 a.m.-noon, Youth Gardening Program, Lincoln Log Cabin State Historical Site, eight miles south of Charleston, 217-345-1845, www.lincolnlog-cabin.org.

■ 10 a.m., Artist's critique: feedback, suggestions on submitted artwork, Flourishes Gallery and Studios, 140 1/2 E. Main, Shelbyville, <http://flourisheshgalleriesandstudios.vpweb.com>, 217-827-5690.

■ 11 a.m.-11 p.m., Drag Racing, Coles County Dragway USA, 4700 West State St., Charleston, www.ccdragway.com, 217-345-7777.



Associated Press

Visitors and vendors attend the pot pavilion at Denver County Fair, the nation's first county fair to allow pot competitions, in Denver, Friday.

Denver celebrates pot at the county fair

KRISTEN WYATT
Associated Press

DENVER (AP) — Marijuana joined roses and dahlias Friday in blue ribbon events at the nation's first county fair to allow pot competitions.

This weekend's Denver County Fair includes a 21-and-over "Pot Pavilion" where winning entries for plants, bongos, edible treats and clothes made from hemp are on display.

There's no actual weed at the fairgrounds. Instead, fairgoers will see photos of the competing

pot plants and marijuana-infused foods. A sign near the entry warns patrons not to consume pot at the fair.

A speed joint-rolling contest uses oregano, not pot. The only real stuff allowed at the event? Doritos, to be used in the munchie eating contest.

Organizers say the marijuana categories this year — which come with the debut of legal recreational marijuana in Colorado — add a fun twist on Denver's already-quirky county fair, which includes a drag queen

pageant and a contest for dioramas made with Peeps candies.

"We've been selling tickets to people from all over the world, and we keep hearing they want to come see the pot," said Dana Cain, who helped organize Denver County's first fair three years ago. This year's event is expected to draw 20,000 people.

Judges considered only the quality of individual marijuana plants, not potency or the merits of drugs produced by the plants.

"It's more like a rose competition than anything," said Russel Wise, a pot grower who entered three plants and a marijuana-infused baklava treat.

Other Colorado contests — patterned after Amsterdam's famed Cannabis Cup — gauge drug quality and flavor.

Edible products did require tasting. A secret panel of judges sampled brownies and other treats earlier this month at an undisclosed location.

"At first the judges were eating them all, but by the end they

were really feeling it, so they just tasted them and spit them out," Cain said with a laugh.

"We offered them cabs home."

The winning brownie was made with walnuts and dark chocolate. Top prize was \$20 and a blue ribbon. The fair already has a green ribbon — awarded for using environmentally conscious methods.

For the handmade bong contest, three industry insiders judged 17 entries for craftsmanship, creativity — and functionality.

LOTTERY

Numbers drawn Friday

Midday My3 0-5-8
Evening My3 n/a
Pick Three-Midday 6-1-8
Pick Three-Evening n/a
Pick Four-Midday 6-3-4-1
Pick Four-Evening n/a
Mid Lucky Day 03-08-28-34-35
Eve Lucky Day n/a
Lotto from Thursday 02-04-22-30-34-42 (17)
Lotto jackpot: \$5.5 million
Mega Millions jackpot: \$87 million
Online: www.illinoislottery.com

TV TONIGHT

"Crossbones"
Blackbeard risks everything against Jagger's attack; Lowe faces a difficult decision.
8 p.m. NBC

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HOROSCOPES

If today is your birthday:
Be willing to compromise this year. If you want good things to develop, you must be a team player. Step back from another's aggressive actions. Choose a path that stresses harmony and working alongside those who share your interests and your goals.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — You will have trouble fulfilling your obligations if you take on too much. Deal with matters one at a time. Don't take your frustration out on family members.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — You will find it difficult to determine where to begin. If you don't understand your choices, keep asking questions until you are clear about your role and what's expected of you.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — Moneymaking opportunities are apparent. Complete your responsibilities competently, and agree to take on bigger jobs that will allow you to show your leadership ability.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — Sit on the sidelines. You are asking for trouble if you meddle in someone else's business. Keep busy and stay out of any situation that has the potential to be costly.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — You can keep up to date with financial changes if you do your research. Once you have the information you need, you can benefit, but you must be prepared to act precisely.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — You will gain positive attention and support from an unexpected source. Personal

and professional partnerships will move along smoothly today. Aim high and plan to celebrate victory.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — Be aware of job opportunities in your area. Positive changes are available if you remain well-informed and prepared. Keep your eyes and ears open and your resume ready.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — Use your charisma and communication skills to express your innovative ideas to those in your peer group. You are likely to be propelled in a new and promising direction.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — It's time to reduce your expenses. Prioritize your spending and cut down on unnecessary purchases. You will be able to earn some extra cash

by ridding yourself of unwanted items.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — Don't be discouraged if progress takes longer than anticipated. Be patient. Getting emotional and upset will only make you feel worse as well as hold you back.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — Don't listen to someone's false promises. Keep your mind on the job at hand. Limit unnecessary travel or commuting that can cause you to be late or miss time at work.


CANCER (June 21-July 22) — Check out useful sites on the Internet or local seminars that can teach you new skills. You can improve your chances of success if you are willing to enhance and expand your knowledge.

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REGIONAL OUTLOOK

OUTSIDE TODAY



82 **58**

Today's record high	Today's record low
53 (1965)	100 (1964)

Today: Mostly sunny with a 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the lower 80s. Northeast winds 5 to 10 mph.
Tonight: Mostly clear. Lows in the upper 50s. Light northeast winds.





Coles County Friday's data
High temperature **81**
Low temperature **64**
Observed at 6 p.m. **67**
0.12" of rain was recorded between 6 p.m. Thursday and 6 p.m. Friday.

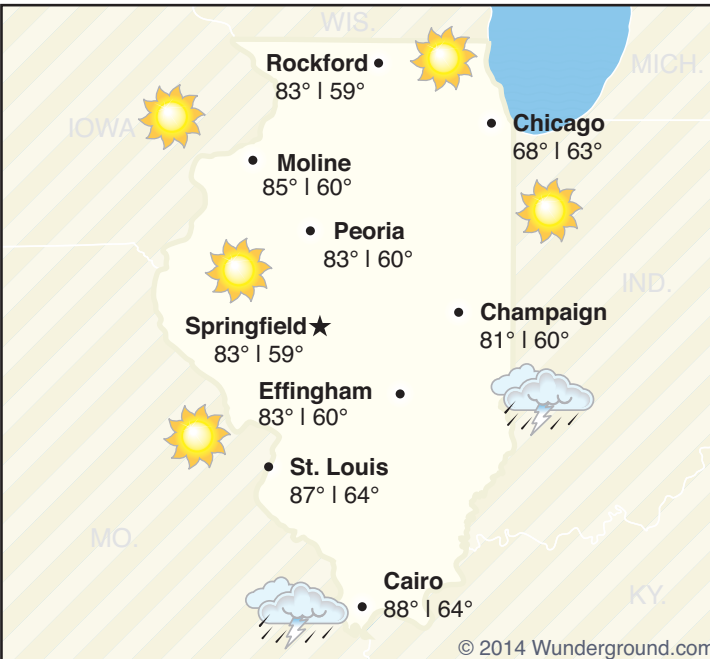
LOCAL SKIES
Sunrise: 5:53 a.m.
Sunset: 6:05 p.m.

STATE TEMPERATURES

Bloomington	80	60	.08
Cahokia	88	60	.05
Carbondale	86	59	0
Chicago O'Hare	85	62	.15
Moline	84	63	.21
Quincy	82	63	.07

FOUR-DAY OUTLOOK

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
 Sunny 82/62	 Mostly clear 84/64	 Partly cloudy 84/62	 Partly cloudy 86/66

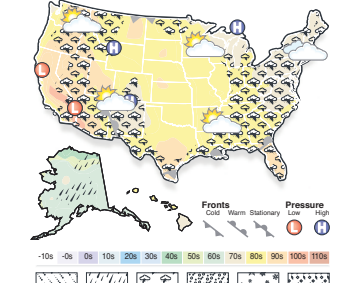


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Cloudy
Showers
Thunderstorms
Rain
Flurries
Snow
Ice

NATIONAL OUTLOOK



Storms east of the Mississippi
Scattered showers and thunderstorms will develop from the Gulf coast to the Eastern Great Lakes and throughout the East. Scattered showers and storms will develop over the southwest, with a chance of a few storms over the Rockies.

FRIDAY'S HI/LO
High 111 at El Centro Nas, Calif. Low 34 at West Yellowstone, Mont.

NATIONAL TEMPERATURES

City	High	Low	Pre	Otlk
Anchorage	66	55		PCldy
Atlanta	81	67	.03	Cldy
Boston	82	65		Rain
Dallas-Ft Worth	83	70		PCldy
Denver	80	55		PCldy
Detroit	83	60		Rain
Honolulu	89	78		Rain
Houston	87	73	3.92	Cldy
Indianapolis	82	61	.01	Cldy
Kansas City	85	65		PCldy
Las Vegas	107	87		Cldy
Los Angeles	85	66		Cldy
Miami Beach	91	77		PCldy
Mpls-St Paul	87	65		PCldy
Nashville	88	62		PCldy
New Orleans	89	77		Cldy
New York City	84	71		Rain
Philadelphia	83	72	.19	Rain
Phoenix	99	81		Cldy
St Louis	86	68		PCldy
Salt Lake City	91	66		Cldy
San Diego	78	69		PCldy
San Francisco	72	60		Clr
Seattle	84	61		PCldy
Washington, D.C.	80	76		Rain

THE ULTIMATE TALKING POINT
Check www.jg-tc.com for the latest news and up-to-the-minute weather information for the area